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Honorable Joel Schneider
United States Magistrate Judge
Mitchell H. Cohen Federal Building
One John F. Gerry Plaza
Fourth and Cooper Streets
Camden, New Jersey 08102

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Re: United States v. Kenneth Crawford, Jr.
Criminal No. 18-505 (RBK)

Dear Judge Schneider:

On Friday, August 31, 2018, I was appointed to represent the captioned defendant for purposes of his initial appearance because Mr. Crawford indicated his intention to retain counsel. On September 5, 2018, I was contacted by Mr. Crawford who requested that I file a motion and affidavit that he had prepared. After further discussion, Mr. Crawford indicated that he would like to proceed *pro se* and asked that I ascertain how he could file his motion and affidavit. I contacted the Court's deputy clerk for that purpose and in the meantime feel compelled to advise the Court of Mr. Crawford's request to proceed *pro se* so that a hearing can be scheduled to determine whether that request should be granted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

s/Richard Coughlin
RICHARD COUGHLIN
Federal Public Defender

cc: Jason Richardson, AUSA (via ECF)
Kenneth Crawford, Jr.